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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant : Klaus KRINNER, et al.  
Serial No. : 09/762,713  
Filed : March 8, 2001  
For : DEVICE FOR FASTENING POLES, POSTS, MASTS  
OR THE LIKE IN THE GROUND, AND METHOD FOR  
MANUFACTURING A FASTENING DEVICE  
Group Art Unit : 3632  
Examiner : Tan Le  
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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 CFR 1.116**

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS:**

Sir:

In response to the final Office Action of October 7, 2003, entry of the present amendment to place the application into condition for allowance or remove issues from appeal, if required, is respectfully requested. Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows: